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COMPUTER PROGRAM AND PRODUCT

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Respectfully submitted,

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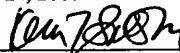
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

S I R:

This amendment is filed in response to the March 23, 2007 Office Action, in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks are provided beginning on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing sheets is attached following page 7 of this paper.